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APPLICANTS: Breaker et al.
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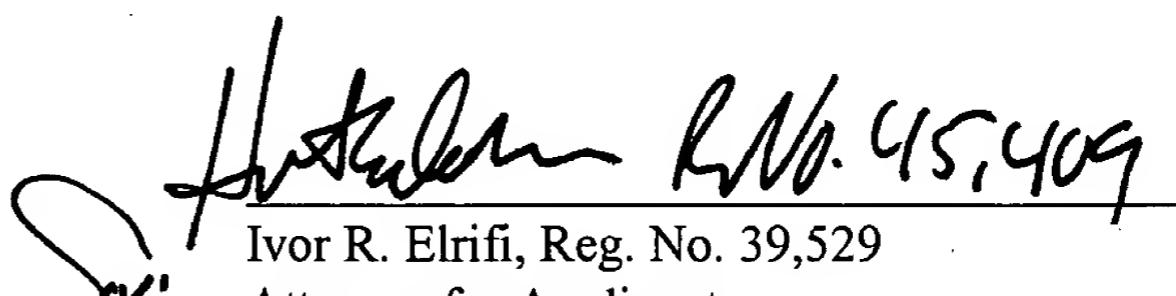
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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the August 26, 2003 Office Action (Paper No. 14) the above-identified application. With the extension, this Response is due on or before December 26, 2003. A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees necessary, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23239-201 NATL.

Respectfully submitted,


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